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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation* – EB Docket No. 04-296

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to advise you that on November 16, 2005, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, Ed Donofrio – Executive Director Technical Support, Renato Delatorre – Director Network Security, Douglas Busk – Associate Director Product Development, and I met with Jeff Goldthorp, Shanti Gupta, John Healy, Richard Hovey, Paul Marrangoni, and Kent Nilsson from the Office of Engineering Technology, Robert Cannon and Sherille Ismail from the Office of Strategic Planning, and Christina Clearwater from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The purpose of the meeting was to respond to Staff's invitation to discuss the protections that Verizon Wireless has in place to safeguard its short message service ("SMS") and voice network. We also discussed our concerns about the use of SMS for emergency alert purposes because of capacity issues and the possibility that such messages might not reach their intended audience quickly enough to be useful. We noted that there are other technologies under development that might provide emergency alert capabilities. We suggested that a joint task force between industry and government should be established to study the feasibility of an emergency alert system for wireless subscribers.

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Consistent with the Commission's rules on *ex parte* communications, this letter is being filed electronically in the captioned docket.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charon Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C".

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cc: R. Cannon
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